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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND  
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In the application of : Elwyn B Davies  
Serial No. : 09/474,542  
Filed : December 29, 1999  
For : Connectionless Network Express Route  
Examiner : Ha, Yvonne Quy M  
Art Unit : 2697

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JANUARY 30, 2003**

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Dear Sir,

In response to the Office Action mailed January 30, 2003, please amend this application as follows:

**In the Specification**

Correct the paragraph at page 9 lines 16-23 as follows:

As a further alternative, the express route 7 may be implemented using MPLS  
(Multi Protocol Label Switching) pathways set up for traffic to and from customer B.